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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, \$1,600,000 Dollars.

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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, March 17, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 17th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BREVIN, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOULBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

R. G. VOULLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Paid-up Capital, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 3 " " 3 " "

H. B. NELSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £500,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £233,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250.
RESERVE FUND, £200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39A, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,
Manager.
Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I HAVE THIS DAY Established myself as a MERCHANT, and COMMISSION AGENT.

HARRY WICKING.
CHIEF CHAMBERS,
Hongkong, April 2, 1880. my2

NOTICE.
MR. PHILIP ARNOLD has been authorized to Sign our Firm for Procuration in Hongkong and China.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, April 1, 1880. my1

NOTICE.
MR. ROBERT HOWIE and Mr. RONALD GREIG are authorized to Sign our Firm for Procuration from this Date.

DEACON & Co.
Canton, March 31, 1880. my1

NOTICE.
I HAVE THIS DAY Established myself as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT and AUCTIONEER in this Colony, at 45, Queen's Road Central, under the Style or Firm of "EPA DA SILVA & Co."

A. A. ECA DA SILVA.
Hongkong, March 20, 1880. sp20

NOTICE.
MR. N. C. STEVENS is hereby authorized to Sign our Name by Procuration at AMOY, the Power held by Mr. EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 9, 1880. my11

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Agents,
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. See90

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
JULES MUM & Co's CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, £16 per 1 doz. Case.
Pints, £17 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

For Sale.

THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOODWILL of the well-known and prosperous Business at present Carried on by Mr. ANDREW WILKINSON at

THE BRITISH HOTEL.
Full Particulars will be given on Application.
Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED Ex "GLENFALLOCH" AND OTHER LATE ARRIVALS.

PEAR'S TRANSPARENT SOAPS in Tablets and Balls.
HARRIS'S Assorted PERFUMES.
SILVER'S TABLE, BRACKET, and Hanging LAMPS (fitted with Storm Burners).
DETOL'S KEROSENE (tested to 150° Fahr.).
American Reading LAMPS for Kerosene.
REVOLVERS and CARTRIDGES.
TELESCOPES and FIELD GLASSES.
PORTMANTEAUX and TRAVELLING BAGS, and RUG STRAPS.
DESKS and DESPATCH BOXES.
CHURCH'S CASH, PAPER, and DEED BOXES.
CHURCH'S BOX, PAD and DUOR LOCKS.

TAUCHNITZ and Other NOVELS.
WORKS OF REFERENCE.
Table CUTLERY and PENKNIVES.
GLASS and Electro-Plated WARE.
CIGARS and CIGARETTE HOLDERS.
Waterproof COATS (very light).
UMBRELLAS "Automatic Patent."
Lawn Tennis BATS and BALLS.
PIH HATS & HELMETS, Straw HATS.

Summer HOSIERY.
BAGGAGE'S PIANOS for SALE or HIRE.
Silicated Carbon FILTERS.
SACON'S SHERRY.
Sparkling BURGUNDY.
Do. HOCK.
Do. MOSELLE.
Breakfast and Dinner CLARETS.
CHAMPAGNE, Kohnstamm.
Do. De Lossy.
Do. Rainart.

BRANDY, WHISKY, GIN and RUM.
ALE and STOUT, bottled by Foster.
CROUSE and BLACKWELL'S STORES, French JAMS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, April 1, 1880. my1

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH
HAYV JUST RECEIVED A QUANTITY OF NEW MULTIPLEX COPYING APPARATUS.

From which 100 Good Copies of any writing can be taken from one original. The system is most simple and by far the most perfect of the many kinds lately offered. To be had in the following sizes—Large, Medium, Pocket and Post.

Prices, including Ink, Sponge, &c., from \$3.50.
Hongkong, April 7, 1880. sp21

For Sale.

BROADWOOD BOUDOIR GRAND PIANO, in perfect Condition.

Apply to **R. LYALL**, at NORTON & Co., Queen's Road, Hongkong, March 31, 1880.

Now Ready.
No. 4.—Vol. VIII.
—OF THE—
"CHINA REVIEW"

Translations from the Lit-II, or General Code of Laws of the Chinese Empire. Syllabary of the Hakka Language or Dialect. Re-issued His English Translations. Notes on the Korean Language. Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—
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Labor Customs.
Origin of Opium.
A Curious Dukedom.
Grandsons in China.

Errata:—
Notes on Chinese Grammar.
Ancient Geographical Names in Chinese.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, March 31, 1880.

Now Ready.

PRICE, \$1.50.
"COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,"

By E. H. PARKER.
Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, and at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

To be Sold or Let.

A WELL BUILT HOUSE on Northern Slope of MOUNT KELLY.

For Particulars, apply to **H. A. WOOLNOUTH,** Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong, March 13, 1880.

Auctions.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
TO BE SOLD as a going Concern, by PUBLIC AUCTION, on a DAY to be hereafter fixed in the Month of APRIL next, (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract, and subject to withdrawal by the Vendors for any other reason of which due Notice will be given), THE BUSINESS OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPWRIGHTS, lately Carried on by Messrs J. JONES & Co., known as the VICTORIA FOUNDRY, and situate at SPRING GARDENS, Victoria.

Together with all the Plant, Machinery, TRADE FIXTURES and FITTINGS, STOCK IN-TRADE, and STOCK-IN-TRADE, and including the Goodwill, and all Existing Contracts and Engagements.

For further Particulars, apply to **SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,** Solicitors for the Mortgagees, Supreme Court House, 17th February, 1880.

To Let.

FOREIGN DWELLING HOUSES in the HOLLYWOOD ROAD, containing Six Rooms and OUT-HOUSES. Nos. 3 and 5, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to **DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.** Hongkong, April 7, 1880.

To Let.

(With Possession from 1st of May.)
THE HOUSE and GODOWNS situated on Praya Central, No. 19/20, at present occupied by Messrs W. B. SPATT & Co.

Apply to **TURNER & Co.** Hongkong, April 3, 1880. tf

VICTORIA PEAK—SUMMER RESIDENCE.

TO LET.
Commonplace BUNGALOW, with Tennis Lawn, Servants' Quarters and Cook house.

Apply to **J. G. SMITH & Co.,** 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong, March 31, 1880.

To Let.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to **MEYER & Co.** Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

To Let.

FURNISHED HOUSE in CAINE ROAD.

Apply **H. A. WOOLNOUTH,** Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong, March 25, 1880.

To be Let.

TO BE LET, on Lease for BUILDING, a PLOT of GROUND, containing about 10,000 Square Feet, at SPRING GARDEN, on Island Lot No. 199, commanding a good view of the harbour.

Apply to **BREBRETTON & WOTTON,** Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, February 4, 1880.

To Let.

TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.

Apply to **DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.** Hongkong, February 7, 1880.

Intimations.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Head Office, Shanghai, on TUESDAY, the Twentieth Instant, at 2.30 p.m., for presentation of the Report and Accounts for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1879; election of Directors and Auditors; and declaration of Dividends for the year, 1879.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. KENNARD DAVIS, Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, 7th April, 1880. ap19

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will remain CLOSED from this Date until the 30th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. KENNARD DAVIS, Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, 7th April, 1880. ap10

DYNAMITE, FUSES, DETONATORS, &c.
FROM NOBEL'S EXPLOSIVES CO., Limited, Glasgow, can be had in any Quantity on application to **THE BORNEO CO., Ltd., Agents.** Hongkong, March 8, 1880. 6m81

Intimations.

NOTICE.
In the Matter of the SHANGHAI FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that at an Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, held at the Head Office, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West, Victoria, in the Island of Hongkong, on the 17th day of December, 1879, it was resolved to dissolve and wind up the said Company, and that all outstanding Policies should be redeemed. Such outstanding Policies having now been redeemed, all Persons having any CLAIM against the above Company are hereby requested to forward full Particulars thereof to the Solicitors of the said Company on or before the 10th day of May next, after which date a General Distribution of the Assets will take place, and no Claim will be admitted thereafter.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1880.
BREBRETTON & WOTTON, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Solicitors for the SHANGHAI FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Office of the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company, in Liquidation.

Shanghai, 1st April, 1880.

A TWENTY RETURN OF CAPITAL and AUCUMULATIONS at the Rate of THREE TABLES, TWO MACE and FIVE CANDAREENS (Tls. 3.25) per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 2nd April, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on FRIDAY, 9th April.

Shareholders will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 9th April, inclusive.

By Order, **RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.**

THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ACT OF 1865, AND THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1877.

CAPITAL \$500,000, DIVIDED INTO 5,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH FULLY PAID UP.

General Agents.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

Directors.
J. A. dos REDES OS, Esq.
KWOK ACHONG, Esq.
C. VINCENT SMITH, Esq.

BANKERS.
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

Solicitors.
Messrs BREBRETTON & WOTTON.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Proprietors of the COSMOPOLITAN DOCK, their Dock and the Ground and Premises adjoining thereto, with the Plant, Machinery, and Stock-in-Trade of the parties aforesaid, and of carrying on the Business of Shipwrights and Engineers in the Colony of Hongkong.

For this purpose an absolute Assignment dated the 31st day of January, 1880, has been entered into by Messrs WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, FRANK BLACKWELL FORBES, SAMUEL WILKES POMEROY, Junior, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, Junior, FREDERICK DELANO HIRSH, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, and CHARLES VICTOR SMITH, Merchants, trading as RUSSELL & Co., as Trustees of WILLIAM BOLTON SPATT, ANDREW JOHN STOR, and NELSON SPATT, the owners of the said Cosmopolitan Dock, with Messrs KWOK ACHONG, WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, and JOSE ANTONIO DOS REDES OS, Directors of the said Company, for the purchase of all the premises mentioned, without further confirmation, for the price or sum of \$500,000, subject to the condition that if the Stock-in-Trade consisting of Plant and Machinery not valued by a competent valuator at a sum not less than \$100,000, the said sum of \$500,000 shall abate accordingly.

The Cosmopolitan Dock is of sufficient dimensions to dock the largest Vessels afloat; it and the Plant and Machinery belonging thereto are now in perfect order. The Business of Building, Docking, Making, and Repairing Vessels is in full operation, so that the Company can at once enter upon active business, which it is expected will be highly remunerative.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs RUSSELL & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Board of Directors.

About Four Thousand Shares have been already taken up, and it is intended that the Capital will be called up as follows:—\$75 per share on allotment, \$25 per share on the 1st day of May, 1880.

All unpaid Capital after that date shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

Application for Shares, which shall be in the annexed form, will be received by the Agents, up to the 15th day of April, 1880.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. KENNARD DAVIS, Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, 7th April, 1880. ap19

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will remain CLOSED from this Date until the 30th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. KENNARD DAVIS, Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, 7th April, 1880. ap10

DYNAMITE, FUSES, DETONATORS, &c.
FROM NOBEL'S EXPLOSIVES CO., Limited, Glasgow, can be had in any Quantity on application to **THE BORNEO CO., Ltd., Agents.** Hongkong, March 8, 1880. 6m81

Intimations.

NOTICE.
SEALED TENDERS for CLEANING and PAINTING the Spanish Armada MARQUESS DEL DUERO, will be received in this Consulate, Ball Court No. 1, until the 15th Instant, at Noon, when the Tenders will be opened and read and the lowest one preferred.

For further Particulars, apply to the Undersigned or to the Commander on board the same Ship.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1880.
A. MENCARINI, Consul for Spain.

Notice.

THE Annual General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Hongkong Club will take place at the Club House on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 4.30 p.m. An Extraordinary General MEETING will be held immediately afterwards in compliance with the Terms of a Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order, **EDWARD BEART,** Secretary.

Hongkong, April 13, 1880. ap21

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire Godowns to be let.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, April 1, 1880. my1

Dental Notice.

DR. ROGERS, now on a visit to SHANGHAI, will return to HONGKONG early in the Winter as usual.

Hongkong, April 1, 1880.

News for Home.

The Overland China Mail.
(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

Booth served in Hongkong as superintendent of transport at Kowloon, and from April 1873 until the departure of the regiment as Acting Barrack Sergeant. He was a keen rifleman and an excellent shot, and will no doubt be remembered by many of the frequenters of the range at Kowloon.

The Spanish steamer *Leon*, due at Singapore on the 8th inst. from Spain, was to have brought on the new Governor-General for Manila.

In China's Millions for March some very interesting notes are given, taken by Mr. James Cameron, whilst on a journey from Canton to Kien-chau-fu.

A private telegram from London, from an influential leading Conservative, received at Singapore on the 5th inst., said that in all the political clubs it was then anticipated the Liberals would gain a large majority.

An interesting letter, signed "Anglo-Indian," is published in the *Journal of the Society of Arts* of Feb. 27, on "Trade Between India and the Chinese Dominions," drawn chiefly from a report of Mr. E. H. Borne, Baber on the Chinese Tea Trade with Tibet.

M. WALLAN, an Engineer, and M. Gull-lane, a Naturalist, both Frenchmen, have been killed by natives while engaged on exploring expeditions near Tonkin. It appears they were wandering about trusting themselves in the interior of the country, but they perished in going, with the unfortunate result that they lost their lives. The Dutch Government have taken active steps to bring their murders to justice.—*Strait Times*.

The following is from an article by the Rev. H. Erving, a Japanese missionary, on "Education as a Missionary Agency in Japan," which appears in the March number of the *Church Missionary Intelligence*.

If education is to be used as a missionary agency in Japan now is the golden opportunity. There is now a sort of rage for education amongst a great many, and a desire to learn English is not a few. Ere long much of this will have subsided; and, more important still, the young people are now in many places smiling at the ignorance of their parents; and if the opportunity is not taken of educating them while we can, in Christian morality, we shall find that the missionary will have to work amongst a class of hardened sceptics and unbelievers. Whilst Japan is passing through a crisis, this by no means feasible instrument of educating the young, both boys and girls, should be made use of to give the ideas of the people an impetus in the right direction—the boys, forasmuch as they are to form the men, and so the moulders of thought in the coming generation; the girls, forasmuch as they will be the mothers of the future, and to them will belong no small influence over the minds and habits of the children.

The following from the last Home papers may be interesting to the brethren here who have contributed so handsomely to the Fund.

A grand lodge of Freemasons was held on the 3rd inst. in the Temple Hotel, where, when his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was unanimously and enthusiastically elected Grand Master. On the motion of Lord Carnarvon the sum of £500 was voted to the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund for the relief of distress in Ireland.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer *Nizam* arrived here this evening and the delivery of the mail commenced at 7 p.m. These telegrams are the principal contained in the *Straits Times Extra*.

London, March 28.—Mr. Gladstone has recovered from his recent indisposition.

London, March 29.—Latest advices from South America state that the allied Peruvian forces have defeated the Chilean troops in an action fought at Moguegua, with a total loss of 1,300 men.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Another secret press has been discovered by the police here, and 10 persons have been arrested in connection therewith.

Kandahar, March 21.—Orders have been issued for the advance of General Stewart's division on Ghuzni via Khelet-i-Ghizil. The division will march in two columns by the Turkman and Arghistan valleys as far as Khelet, and from thence by columns marching parallel lines within a holo-graphical distance of one another along the left and right bank of the Turkman as far as Shanjai, where they will join and proceed together to Ghuzni. The right brigade under General Burtin will take the allied route, the main body and headquarters three days after the greatest assistance is expected from the Hazaras on the onward march, and the supplies are reported as plentiful, and the troops are in excellent health and spirits. Major Egan Smith accompanies the division as political officer. Colonel St. John will remain here as Political Agent for southern Afghanistan.

There are no later telegrams in the *Extra* from Kabul; we have not yet had time to go into our Indian exchanges. The following are from the *L. & O. Express*:

The following is the result of the examination of the twenty-eight candidates for the eleven vacancies as student Interns in the Chinese and Japan Consular Service. The successful candidates had, however, to go through the ordeal of medical examination, and hence the delay in announcing their names. They passed in the order and rank which we give, viz.:—E. D. H. Fraser, first; H. Ockburn, second; W. H. Wilkinson, third; H. E. Fulford, fourth; George R. F. Cook, fifth; P. E. O'Brien Butler, sixth; H. E. Mortimer, seventh; H. B. Joly, eighth; H. A. C. Bonar, ninth; F. W. W. Playfair, tenth; and W. J. Kemp, eleventh.

Mr. W. G. Aston has been appointed to act as Consul at Hongkong during the absence of Mr. Marcus Flowers. Mr. Emden, the Consul at Hakodate, is coming home, in consequence of his being burnt in the late fire at that port.

Mr. C. Lueder, late Consul-General for Germany at Shanghai, has been appointed resident Minister for Germany at Bogota, the capital of the United States of Colombia.

THE LUMINOUS PAINT INVENTION.

THE GREAT INVENTION OF THE DAY.

We had the pleasure of seeing yesterday, on board the British steamer *Ironclad*, Captain Sturrock, what we believe is the first utilisation here of a most marvellous recent invention, to which brief notice has before been made in our columns—an invention by which daylight or light of any kind made captive by science so that it may be used

in the dark anywhere and at any time required. This wonderful invention of "luminous paint" as it has been called is still in its infancy and deserves more than a passing notice. We quote from a recent number of *The Inventor's Record*:

About two years ago, Mr. Balmain, a chemist of some repute, patented an invention which he described as luminous paint. The extraordinary preparation was the result of experiments and investigations extending over a period of forty years. The leading idea which encouraged the inventor in his long course of patient study was the possibility of finding a compound which might be acted upon by light, in such a manner that it would become luminous, i.e., would reproduce the effect of light when placed in a dark chamber. This startling result he ultimately attained, and by recent improvements, it is now reduced to such a practical form that we can virtually hold up daylight, and avail ourselves of it when required. Such an effect had been attained by chemists from a composition, of which certain sea shells were the principal basis, but the result was not lasting, and the material quickly broke down at the moment of victory, and he was unable to take any action in the matter. A circumstance which seriously delayed the commercial development of the discovery, but thanks to the energetic measures adopted by Messrs. Lillie and Horne of Aldermanbury, who have undertaken to grant the necessary licences for its application, the world will soon be in possession of a new and beautiful means of illumination adapted to innumerable requirements. A Pioneer Company is being promptly formed to take the English patent, and it is intended that this Company shall be the basis of a larger Joint Stock Association, as the practical importance of the invention becomes better known. Already there is an eager demand for the luminous paint, and the Admiralty have come so far as to express a decidedly favourable opinion of it for lighting up compartments of ironclads, where the use of ordinary lights is dangerous and inconvenient. Two compartments of the *Her Majesty's* ship *Albatross* have been ordered to be painted with a view to test the effect. It is well known that Life Buoy lights are almost useless at night, as they cannot be seen when thrown over to people struggling in the water, but it is now proposed to give them a coating of the captive daylight, which will shine out on the water like rings of blue fire. The Superintendent of a Coast Guards Station believes that it would also be very valuable for illuminating the life-lines which are thrown by rockets over the sides of ironclads, and which are usually brightly illuminated by the use of the explosive of gunpowder. The luminous paint is of splendid quality, and it might act as signals at great distances for military or other purposes. The destinations of gunboats, the tables of Post-office pillar boxes and street advertisements might be easily rendered perfectly legible on the darkest night. The enterprising lessee of one of the largest and most popular London theatres has secured the right to use it for lighting up the interior of the theatre, and other stage effects. For scientific and other purposes, the luminous paint is of great value, and it is not to be wondered at that it is so much sought after. The luminous paint is of splendid quality, and it might act as signals at great distances for military or other purposes. The destinations of gunboats, the tables of Post-office pillar boxes and street advertisements might be easily rendered perfectly legible on the darkest night. The enterprising lessee of one of the largest and most popular London theatres has secured the right to use it for lighting up the interior of the theatre, and other stage effects. For scientific and other purposes, the luminous paint is of great value, and it is not to be wondered at that it is so much sought after.

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THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

The following is the report for presentation at the fourth ordinary meeting of the shareholders to be held on Tuesday next, the 20th inst.:

The Directors have now to lay before their co-proprietors the annexed statement of the Company's accounts for the half-year ending 31st December last. 1879.—The Dividend of 5 per cent. on Contributions sanctioned at the last General Meeting was declared payable on 22nd October 1879, and at the commencement of the present year the Directors found themselves in a position to close the year's Accounts by the declaration of Final Dividends of Tls. 15.13 per share, and 13 per cent. on Contributions, the sum of Tls. 9,750.37 being retained as a provision against liabilities still outstanding.

1879.—The net Premium earned during the six months July to December, after deducting Returns and Re-insurances, amount to Tls. 534,750.96, the Losses and Claims paid to Tls. 227,441.71, and a balance of Tls. 299,609.99 is carried forward to credit of Working Account, which on 31st December stood at Tls. 599,924.54.

From this sum the Directors have pleasure in recommending the present distribution of Tuels 376,000, as follows:

Permanent Reserve Fund—Tls. 50,000. Dividend of Tls. 75 per share... 75,000. Return on Contributions—Tls. 250,000. Total Premium for 1879, say... 75,000.

leaving in hand Tls. 224,924.54 against which further losses and averages amounting to Tls. 42,000 have since been paid, and other known casualties are estimated at Tls. 65,000.

Agencies.—Messrs Macgregor & Co. of Colombo having retired from business Messrs Whittall & Co. have been appointed to represent the Company in their stead. An Agency has been opened at Hoihow under the care of Mr. A. Schomburg.

Directors.—Their term of office having expired, the Directors retire in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs Peter MacLean and Augustus White offer themselves for re-election as Auditors for the current year.

J. KENNARD DAVIS, Acting Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TONGKIN QUESTIONS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Sir,—Under the signature of "An Observer" a French newspaper has published an article in several letters which have appeared in your columns the situation as it exists at Tongkin, and has animadverted on the public conduct of French Consuls there. In a letter which appeared in your columns yesterday evening an admirer of the Consuls expresses an opinion on these matters contrary to that expressed by "Observer," but unfortunately without contradicting the facts "Observer" established or setting up any facts in support of his own contention. Your correspondent "An Observer" is one "actuated by a venous party spirit and attacking those who are not here to defend themselves." The "venous party spirit" contention of "Observer" is that the public men whom he has criticised should be useful to the country in proportion to the amount of money they cost the country; and to facilitate the answers of the interested officials—with no private citizen has he yet interfered—"Observer" hastens to declare his proper name, unknown that newspapers carry Tongkin.

Yours obediently,

PEN'S SIEFERT.

P.S.—Now, as soon as the correspondent who signs "An Observer" will similarly make his name known, "Observer" will strain a point to tell how, some months ago, a commercial house went to Tongkin to fit the windmills of old Don Quixote. The enterprise was a failure, and the house was ruined. The correspondent who signs "Observer" will strain a point to tell how, some months ago, a commercial house went to Tongkin to fit the windmills of old Don Quixote. The enterprise was a failure, and the house was ruined.

True it is that Consuls and Mandarins have made alternate use of one Tongkin, for certain operations, the abandonment of which your correspondent of last night would regret, but that matters in no way to the Colonists who are working plainly and quietly, nor does it matter to Your obedient servant,

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Police Intelligence.

(Before C. F. O'neagh, Esq.)

Wednesday, April 14.

LARSEN.

Li Atak, a coolie, was charged with stealing a tin pan on the 13th inst. Lau Ah-shan, a tinmith residing in Queen's Road West, said that yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock an alarm was raised that some one had taken a tin pan from the shop door. He went out and saw defendant walking off with the pan produced and gave him in charge.

Defendant said he saw the tin pan in the street and took it up to look at it when he was arrested.

Sentence, four weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

BRANCHES OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

Li Ah-shan, a seaman, was charged with being in unlawful possession of prepared opium without a permit from the Opium Farmer on the 13th inst. Acting Sergeant No. 98, Thomas Campbell, said that yesterday afternoon he was on duty at the Canton Wharf when the steamer *Kien Kiang* arrived. He saw the prisoner and noticed that he had something concealed in the sleeve of his jacket. Just as the constable was about to arrest the prisoner he turned round and drew a small knife from his sleeve and threw it into the water. A diver was sent down for it at once and on examination it was found to contain eight small pieces of prepared opium and a small horn box. On being asked where he got the opium he said a man on board the steamer gave it to him

to bring on shore, with instructions to throw it into the harbour if pressed by the police. Witness said he had known defendant for two years. He travels up and down in the steamer but pays no passage money.

Defendant said he knew nothing about the bag and denied having thrown anything into the water.

A. doo Santos corroborated the sergeant as to the arrest, and said he saw defendant throw the bag into the water.

On the prisoner being searched at the station a document was found upon him purporting to be a statement of some money transactions in connection with money lent and goods purchased, amongst which was one item for opium supplied.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$100, in default, the defendant to be imprisoned with hard labour for three months.

Lum Atsan, a milkman, was also charged with a breach of the opium ordinance in having in his possession a quantity of opium without a permit on the 13th inst. Joseph Santos, an excise officer, proved executing a search warrant at a house No. 1 Ship Street and finding a quantity of prepared opium there. The defendant was the only one present.

Defendant admitted having the prepared opium produced without a permit, and said he only used it for himself and the coolies of the house. He also admitted having boiled the opium.

Fined \$100, in default, three months' imprisonment.

A STRAGGLER.

High Collett, a seaman serving on board H.M.S. *Charley*, was charged with being a stowaway on his ship.

Defendant admitted the charge and was ordered to be sent on board.

A COOL CUSTOMER.

Yau Ah-shan, a tailor, pleaded guilty to stealing a jacket from a house in Pottinger Street yesterday.

It appeared that defendant went to the house, occupied as a tailor's shop in Pottinger Street on the night of the 12th and asked permission to use a jacket belonging to the owner, but when defendant left at 6 o'clock yesterday morning the jacket was missing. He said he took the jacket because he was cold and pawned it when he got home.

Two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

LARSEN OF CLOTHING.

Li Ayao, unemployed, was charged with stealing a pair of pants from a house in Pottinger Street yesterday afternoon.

Defendant admitted the charge and said he took them to raise money to go home with. He was employed in the Post Office last year but had no work since.

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Tang Ah-shan was charged with the larceny of a pair of pants, and was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

ATTEMPTED EXTORTION.

Yung A Ip, interpreter to Mr. Mulgrave, Inspector of Nuisances, was charged with extortion under colour of his office, on the 13th inst.

Mr. Mulgrave said that on the morning of the 13th inst. one Chan Ah Ip, the keeper of a latrine in On Ming Lane, came to his house and offered him a roll of notes.

He declined to take them, and from enquiries he then made, found that the defendant had before received money which he pretended was for him, the Inspector.

On the 10th inst. he had received \$1 from Chan Ah Ip.

The case was remanded till to-morrow, bail being accepted in \$500.

(Before the Magistrate).

KIDNAPING.

Chan Ah-shan, unemployed, was charged, 14, with fraudulently taking a girl 14 years of age away from the colony of Hongkong for the purpose of prostitution about the 21st February; and 2nd, with attempting to take her to Canton by force for the purpose of prostitution, on the 21st inst.

The girl is in that her father died when she was 3 years of age, and that on the 10th Oct. last her mother, being very sick and owing much money, entrusted her to two women to bring to Hongkong and raise money by getting her betrothed to marry her.

Meanwhile "Observer" would only add that the writer signing "An Observer" is not a Frenchman (a fact which significantly diminishes his claim to be heard on French politics), and that the writer has never resided in Tongkin. He adds errors to the go to the country, and is not so eminently qualified to remain silent.

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We understand that Mr. O. Johnson has been transferred to the British Consulate at Swatow, and that Mr. G. Brown has been appointed assistant to the British Consulate at this port.

The following charters were effected in Amoy during the past fortnight:

Oscar, 2000 pica Takao to Yokohama, 20 days, 57½ cents per pica.

Caroline, 6,300 pica Takao to Tientsin, 18 days, 57½ cents per pica.

Koror, 8,200 pica Fookchow to Tientsin, 18 days, 57½ cents per pica.

Androske, 9,600 pica Takao to Yokohama, 20 days, 57½ cents per pica.

Kien, 10,000 pica Takao to Yokohama, 25 days, private terms.

Rachel, 7,000 pica Takao to Yokohama, 20 days, 57½ cents per pica.

Martha, 853 tons Register, Takao to Malboune, 30/ per ton of 20 cwt.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier, April 9th.)

The *Kung-wei* was on shore above Kiukiang on the morning of the 6th inst.

The native papers publish a proclamation of the Shanghai Municipality ordering the closing of the opium shops in the city. Ten days of grace are allowed.

Two French men-of-war arrived to-day from the south. One is the *Thémis* flying the flag of Rear Admiral Duperré, and the other the *Kerguelen*. They are at Yokohama.

There are now twelve foreign men-of-war at Shanghai, namely, two British, four American, two German, three French, and one Russian.

We are informed that a number of foreigners have been taken on by the Chinese government up north to act as drill instructors to the army. The pay is said to be \$300 a month. Between twenty-five and thirty people have been engaged. The nationalities represented are French and German.

An American journal announces that the professor of Chinese at Harvard university has, at length, one pupil attending his class.

Japan.

NAGASAKI.

(Express.)

As will be seen from a prospectus just issued, a strenuous effort is now being made, despite all former discouraging failures, to permanently supply a Temperance Hall for Saemai of all nations, to which it is proposed to add a Subscription Reading Room for residents, which suggestion is also well worthy of consideration and support.

A new Japanese steamer built in Kobe on the model of the *Corn Marston*, and intended for the Nagasaki-Osaka line, arrived on Saturday last on her maiden trip. This makes the third tri-monthly steamer, (excluding the *Mitsui Bishi* Co's vessels) in the trade.

Three men-of-war have taken their departure during the week, viz.: the *Siviger* for Kobe on the 27th, the *Charley* for Hongkong and the *Pegasus* for Tientsin on the 30th ult.

The *Shanghai* to-day and the *Modeste* for Kobe on Monday. The *Yongus* steamed out of harbour on Thursday, but returned shortly afterwards. The *Ply* will remain for the present.

OSAKA.

The dock now in course of construction is fast being dug out, a large body of convicts being employed besides ordinary coolies. The basin is to be large enough to hold all the junks employed in the Hakodate trade.

Those of your readers who take any interest in pisciculture should pay a visit to the goldfish ponds at the Katsuragi grounds at Kona, Honiome, where they will be well repaid for their trouble. All the different varieties are bred there. The breeding tanks consist of shallow basins. In the first basin the fish are so minute that they are hardly perceptible to the eye; only two golden specks where the fish are, and the next basin they are a size bigger. In the next are last year's fish which have not assumed their golden hue. Then there are basins containing fish of all sizes and of various golden tints, from pale gold to a deep copper colour. There are also basins containing a species, or rather variety, of the goldfish called by the Japanese *ranichu*, which are very valuable, some being worth as much as 5 or 6 yen each; it is almost like a ball in shape, with two prominent eyes and a short tail of the same form as the fan-tailed variety. Of the latter there are large numbers here, with tails some six inches in length. But all these are in the opinion of malcontents, which have been perpetuated by in-breeding. There is the ordinary form of goldfish in my idea by far the most graceful fish; also *kar*, both golden and ordinary *funo*,—in fact nearly all the river fish that can live in still water are here for sale. The proprietor is very obliging, and anyone can go over the establishment.

The peach trees at Momo-yama are now in full bloom.

The building of foreign vessels seems to be still on the increase. In one yard on the Katsuragi as many as eight are on the stocks, but as far as I am capable of judging they cannot be any longer in use, as the large quantities of green timber are being used in their construction. Although dear in the first instance, the use of seasoned timber would pay, but in the long run.

Higo News Cor.

NOTES FROM THE "CHINA REVIEW."

London Customs.—The following extracts are taken from Colonel Prejevalsky's book *From Yarkand to Lob-nor*. The words in brackets are our own.

Circumcision

